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USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

(DD-850)

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CUBAN QUARANTINE OPERATION

REPORT OF VISIT AND BOARDING OF SS MARUCLA  
26 OCTOBER 1962 BY BOARDING OFFICER REYNOLDS, USN  
WAS BOARDING OFFICER'S OPERATION  
WHICH WENT SMOOTHLY AND WITHOUT ANY UN-  
DESIRABLE INCIDENTS.

ENCLOSURES:

BOARDING OFFICER'S REPORT  
SS MARUCLA CREW LIST  
SS MARUCLA CHARTER  
SS MARUCLA CARGO MANIFEST  
SS MARUCLA CARGO RECEIPT  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
DESDIV 102 MESSAGES



U. S. S. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD-850)

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From: Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD 850)  
To: Commander U.S. SECOND FLEET  
Via: Commander Destroyer Division 102

Subj: Visit and Search of SS MARUCLA on 26 October 1962; report of

Encl: (1) Boarding officer's report with enclosures thereto

1. USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. (DD 850) was directed to intercept the SS MARUCLA by Commander Task Force 136. A rendezvous was effected with USS JOHN R. PIERCE (DD 753) and the MARUCLA was intercepted at first light on 26 October 1962. The vessel was visited, searched, and subsequently cleared to proceed. Paragraph (2) below outlines a chronological sequence of events. Enclosure (1) is the Boarding Officer's report and recounts in detail the actual activities of the Visit and Search Party on board.

2. SS MARUCLA, Beirut, Lebanon enroute Havana, Cuba via Providence Channel and Straits of Florida:

0600 KENNEDY broke flaghoist signal: CODE OSCAR NOVEMBER  
0610 KENNEDY sent by flashing light: REQUEST YOU STOP  
0615 KENNEDY sent by flashing light: I INTEND TO BOARD YOU, REQUEST YOU ADVISE WHEN YOUR SEA LADDER IS READY  
0630 SS MARUCLA sent: WE ARE READY TO RECEIVE YOU  
0632 KENNEDY Visit and Search Party left for USS PIERCE  
0635 SS MARUCLA flying: CODE ANSWERING SIGNAL  
KENNEDY hauled down: CODE OSCAR NOVEMBER  
0642 LCDR D.G. OSBORNE, Executive Officer from USS PIERCE boarded KENNEDY's whaleboat as member of Boarding Party - whaleboat proceeding to SS MARUCLA  
0647 Whaleboat commenced circling the SS MARUCLA  
0651 Visit and Search Party commenced boarding SS MARUCLA - portside  
0654 Whaleboat departed SS MARUCLA - standing off  
0900 Boarding Officer briefs COMDESDIV 102 and Commanding Officer, USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. over portable radio and recommends vessel clearance to proceed  
0910 SS MARUCLA cleared to proceed however, surveillance maintained pending further instructions from Task Force Commander  
0915 Boarding Party departing SS MARUCLA  
0925 Boarding Party returned on board KENNEDY for debriefing  
1015 Executive Officer PIERCE departs ship via whaleboat  
1030 Whaleboat returns to ship  
1235 Surveillance terminated as directed by Task Force Commander  
KENNEDY returning to assigned station

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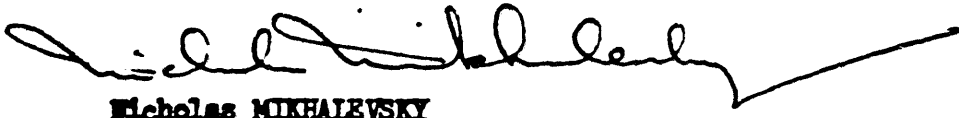
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3. Visit and Search Party was not armed nor were any small arms in the whale-boat. The USS JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. was close aboard on the SS MARUCLA's port quarter during the visit and was at general quarters. The USS PIERCE was on the merchant ship's starboard quarter. The ship was in continuous communications with the Visit and Search Party via portable radio.

4. The entire operation went smoothly and without any undesirable incidents.

  
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